Reschedule of Sardar Sarovar Project

644. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project schedule in respect of Sardar Sarovar Project has been rescheduled following the recent decision to forego further World Bank loan facility; if so, the details in this regard indicating the revised funding pattern; and

(b) how far the World Bank funding would be replaced by import substitution, both in terms of indigenisation of equipment and service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No Sir; Does not arise.

(b) Most of the equipments and service required for the components of the Sardar Sarovar Project which were being procured through indigenous sources. Foreign equipments and technical services wherever required, are being obtained by the individual project contractors through free foreign exchange and collaborative agreements.

Internal resources for completion of Sardar Sarovar Project

645. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what measures Government have taken to raise internal resources for completion of Sardar Sarovar Project in view of stopping of World Bank Aid; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Government of India and the State Governments of the party States are committed to mobilise necessary funds through appropriate options for completion of the project on schedule. The Review Commitee for Narmada Control Authority recently reviewed the matter and decided to place necessary funds with the project authorities for compensating the deficit due to disengagement with the World Bank.

Refusal of World Bank assistance for the Narmada Project

@646. **SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:**
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of certain time schedules of World Bank about Narmada Project which Government were unable to meet;

(b) what are the circumstances under which further assistance from the World Bank was refused for the Narmada Project; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to raise funds to make up for the loss of World Bank's 4780 million loan for the Porjce?

@Previously Unstarred Question 190, transferred from 27th April, 1993.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) There was some lag in fulfilment of two benchmarks. First, modalities to divert additional forest land for R&R are not yet worked out. Secondly the formula to share the cost between the party States for R&R of the project is being worked out through inter state discussions.

(b) Inspite of substantially fulfilling the performance benchmarks within 5 months, it was observed that attempts were made to complicate both in India and outside. Attempts the controversy over the Sardar Sarovar Project and to politicise the issues were also made to cause local disturbances which interfered with implementation of the resettlement and rehabilitation work. In order to avoid further vitiation of the atmosphere, the Government of India decided to disengage from the World Bank and not to seek any further disbursement out of the outstanding portion of the credit|loan for this project.

(c) The Government of India and the State Governments of the party States are committed to mobilise necessary funds through appropriate options for completion of the project on schedule. The Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority recently decided to place necessary funds with the project authorities for compensating the deficit due to disengagement with the World Bank.

Schemes financed by National Backward classes finance and Development Corporation

647. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Schemes that are financed or assisted by the National Backward Classes and Finance Development Corporation;

(b) the amount disbursed during the last two years, State-wise; and

(c) the details of amount of assistance and number of cases assisted in Orissa by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation and the detailed criteria laid down for the same?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) was incorporated on 13th January, 1992. During its initial year of operation (1992-93), NBCFDC introduced two types of schemes viz. Term Loan and Margin Money Assistance.

The Terms Loan/Margin Money are granted and disbursed to State-level Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporations or any other agency nominate by the State Governments who, in turn, sanction and disburse individual loans to members or group of members belonging to the Backward Classes, as notified. Details of the Schemes financed by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation are as under:

	1992-93
I. Eligibility :	Members belonging to list of Backward Class as notified by the State Govt. and whose present family income is below the poverty line.
II. Project Cost :	Generally upto Rs. one lakh; in exceptional cases, this requirement could be relaxed.